

All Saints Sunday

November 1st, 2026

10:30 a.m.

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome to First Lutheran Church , Edinburg, Texas today as we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

As Lutherans, we confess our belief that the Holy Eucharist (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the place where Our Lord Jesus is truly present (*real presence*). All people who believe in Christ are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. Young children are also invited to share in this celebration and may receive the sacrament if they, with their families, feel it is appropriate. Children and adults who do not wish to recieve Holy Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the chrch affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.



FIRST TIME VISITORS – Please sign the guest book located between the double doors at the front of the Narthex. We hope you will worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please call the office at 956.383.2647.

Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We Seek ALL People.

Please remember to **TURN OFF OR SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES** before worship service starts. We appreciate your help minimizing any distractions during the service. Thank you!

Presider: Rev. Gabriella Maria Conklin

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Organist: Marilyn Martin

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Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday
10:00am - 3:00pm

+ HOLY EUCHARIST +

GATHERING

PRELUDE

STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross is made in rememberance of Holy Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN ELW 418 Rejoice in God's Saints

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

SIT **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

When we were baptized in Chrost Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

THE FOLLOWING PSALM IS SPOKEN

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by nith.
The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

A READING FROM JOHN

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

A READING FROM HEBREWS

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with persevereance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER
In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us and who have died since the last All Saints Day.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come; We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

Here individual names may be spoken.

As we remember these people strengthen us to follow Christ through ths world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we amy at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and committment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Death Be Never Last,* Makeever

V1. we walk in the light of the countless faces bright as beams of rising sun, certain as the morning chases night in endless ages' run.

Refrain: Turning eyes now to their shinig mem'ry, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth divining: death be now but never last.

V2. When sorrow's heavy hand has weighted loss against the greater gain, pinning down that grief sore fated laden on the bed of pain.

Refrain

V3. When joy returns with laughter singing thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us follow after bringing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

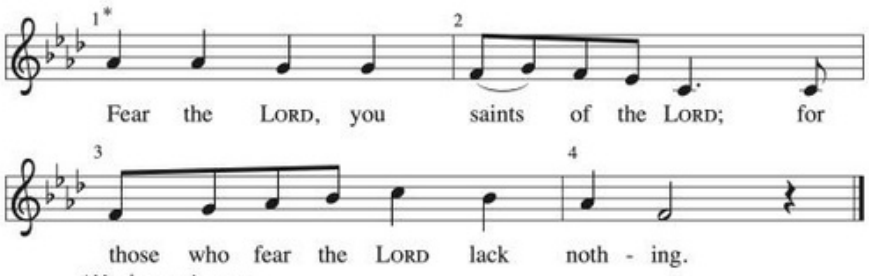
FIRST READING - *Revelation 7:9-17*

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 34: 1-10, 22



1 **I will bless the Lord | at all times;**
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R
3 **Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;**
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 **Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,**
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles. R
7 **The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord**
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 **Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,**
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
22 **O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,**
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. R

SECOND READING - *1 John 3:1-3*

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

STAND

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - *Matthew 5:1-12*

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 422 For All The Saints

STAND

The creeds are an expres-sion or brief summary of our faith and serve as a measuring stick by which we can identifybeliefs that are contrary to the orthodox faith. For exam-ple, we profess in the creeds that Jesus cameto earth for the sake of our salvation. To suggest that salvation comes by some means other than through Jesus contradicts the creed and thus is contrary to our beliefs.

NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, ofall that is, seen and unseen.

We believein one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and wasburied.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life + of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Together as a community we lift our prayers of God on behalf of those in need.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (especially). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (those who have died in the past year may be named). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

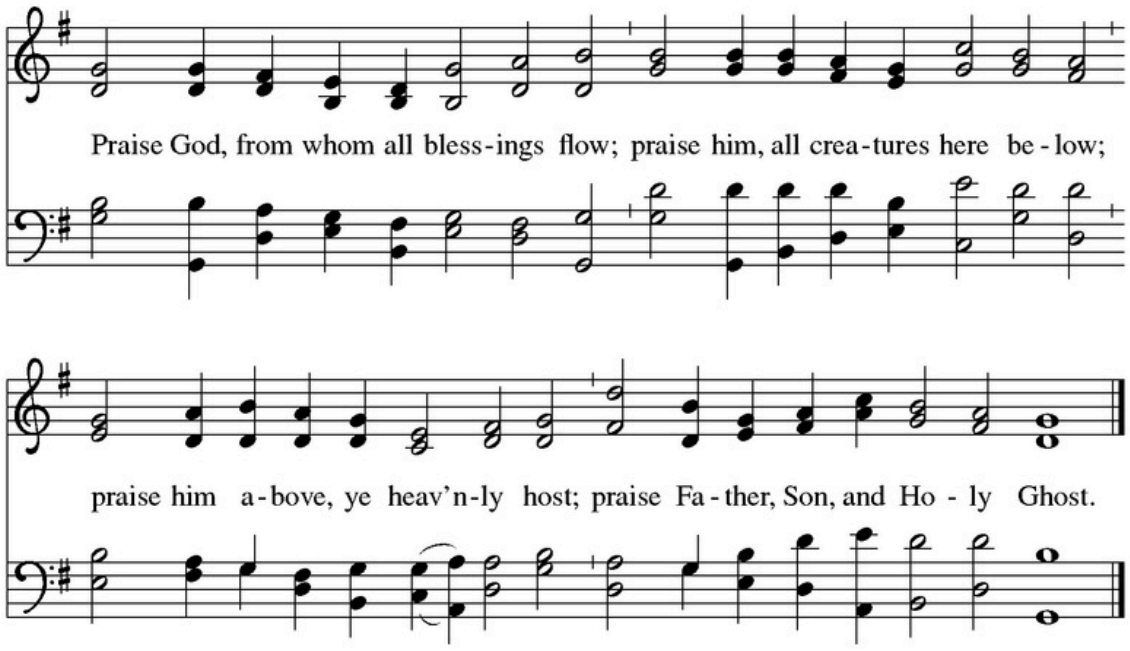
THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

SIT **OFFERING**

STAND **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

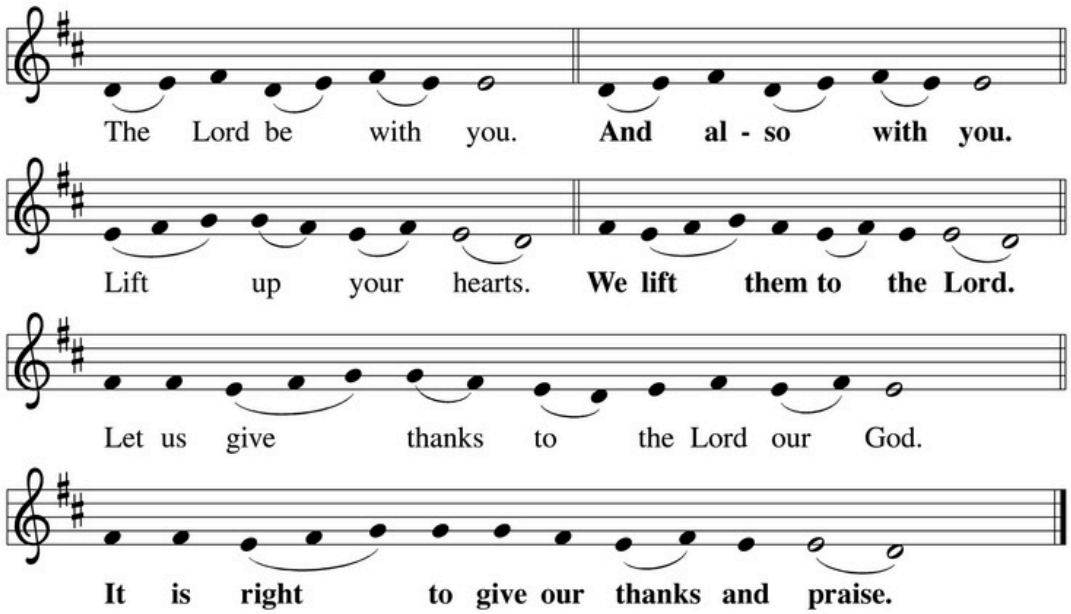


OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, our time,
talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving isunderstood as an act of praise and thanksgivingto the Father. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christianliturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

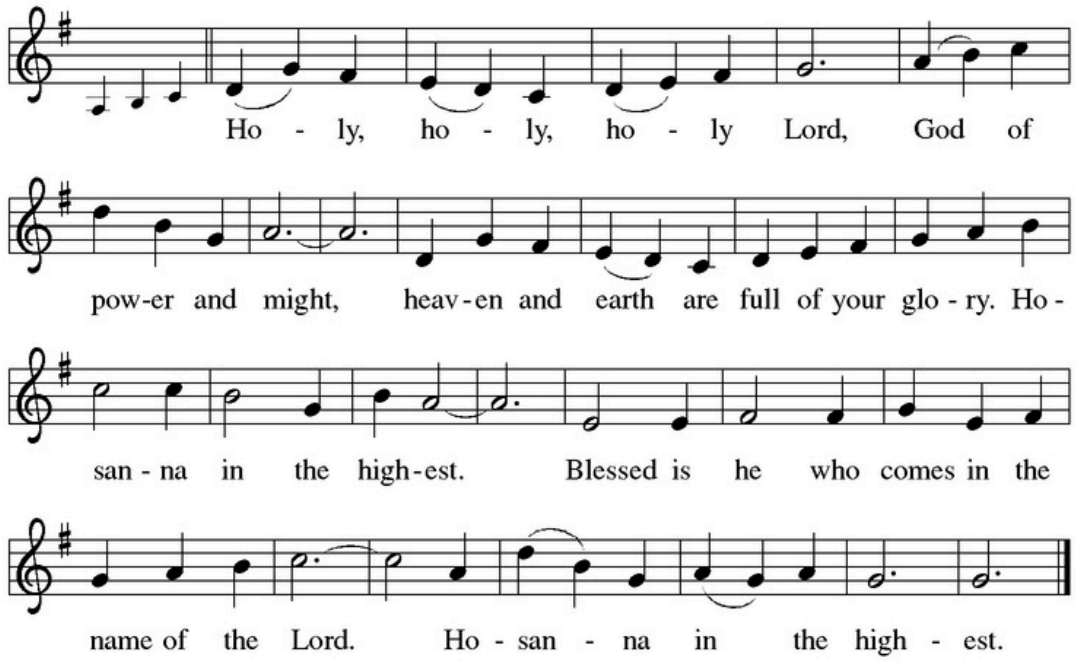


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O LORD Holy Father, through Christ our LORD. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perserverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is a series of acclamations based on the angels' cry which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah6:3, also Psalm 118:26) and with which the people greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on his way to his sacrificial death (Mark I I :9-10).

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience toyou, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

When disobedience took us far from you, you did notabandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you lovedthe world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Vir-gin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. Tothe poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

In the night inwhich he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so Father, we who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Holy Spirit, we who join all the saints in praise of you, now bring before you these gifts with praise and thanksgiving.

We praise you, we bless you, We give thanks to you, And we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your name.

Remember Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Lord, those who have died andhave gone before us markedwith the sign of faith, especially those who we remember today with photos,me-mentos and by name... (names of loved ones may be spoken aloud).

May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Peter, Felicity,Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praiseyou in union with them and give your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By water and the Holy Spirit we are children of God and thus we have the courage to pray...

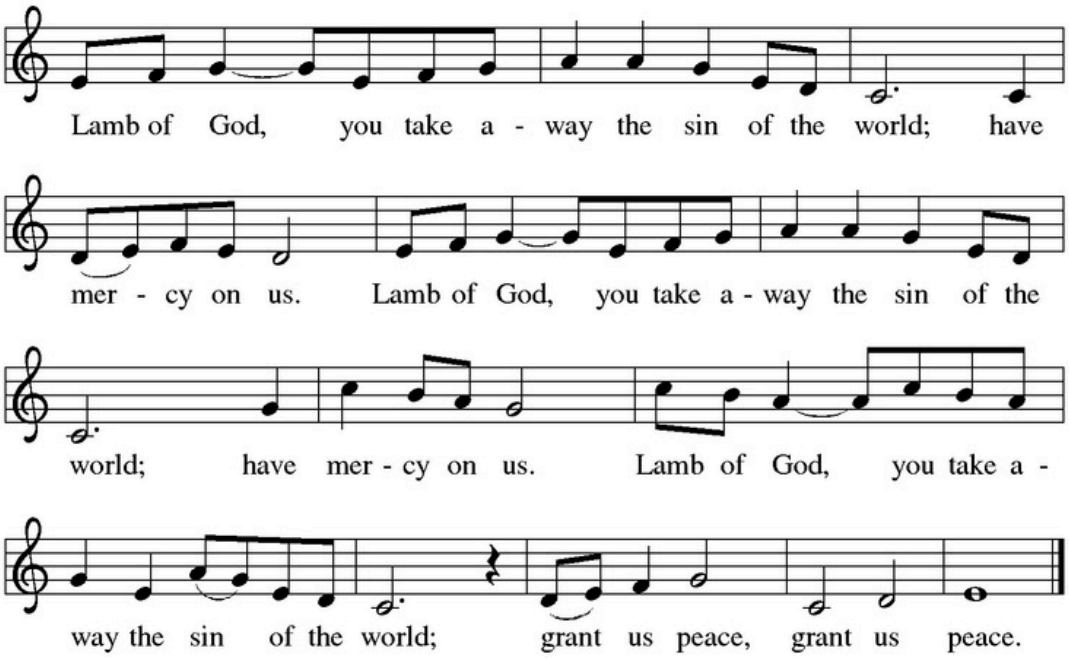
Our father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

SIT **AGNUS DEI**



COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 695 As Saints of Old,
ELW 414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

STAND **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in hs grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

Amen.

SIT **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

STAND

We are sent into the world proclaim with our words and by our deeds, the good news of forgiveness, love and mercy of God.

SENDING HYMN ELW 427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE